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IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY MEETING — OCTOBER 2019

Meeting. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Council met at the temporary ILEA Headquarters at 5000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, on October 3, 2019. The minutes from the last regular meeting were approved, as well as the items for the consent agenda.

Waivers and Extensions. The Council granted seven waivers relating to its administrative rules, including providing a 180-day extension to an officer for a physical fitness test and a residency waiver to an officer who works for the Fourth Judicial District in Council Bluffs but maintains a primary residence in Omaha, Nebraska.

Decertification Hearing. The Council entered into a hearing regarding the decertification of former Newton police officer Dustin Hamell, who was arrested for operating while under the influence and various weapon charges in August 2016. Hamell resigned from the Newton Police Department shortly after being placed on administrative leave after his arrest. The Council voted to revoke Hamell's certification after returning from a closed-session deliberation.

Director's Report. ILEA Director Judy Bradshaw reported on several items:

- **Academy Graduations:** The Academy will host two Basic Academy graduation ceremonies at the Valley Church in West Des Moines on December 13, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. for the 288th Academy and at 2:00 p.m. for the 289th Academy.
- **Personnel Updates — Instructor/Outreach:** Director Bradshaw informed the Council that the position of Jailer Instructor Coordinator has been filled and the employee is expected to begin work at the Academy in the near future. Director Bradshaw also shared with the Council that the application period for an open E-Learning Instructor position has closed, but will be reposted to reflect the more technical nature of the work role.

Administrative Rules. Russell Rigdon, ILEA Legal Instructor, and Allison Schmidt, Assistant Attorney General, provided the Council with information regarding the proposed Notice of Intended Action (NOIA) rulemaking and subsequent changes relating to 501 IAC 6. Final changes are being made to matters regarding mandatory and discretionary reporting. The Council hopes to be able to submit the NOIA to the Governor's Office later this fall.

Building Update. Michael Steen, Senior Project Manager at the DCI Group, and David Reid, architect at INVISION, provided the Council with an extensive update on the status of the Academy building remodel after incidents of flooding and carbon monoxide poisoning at the building in fall 2018. Construction is ongoing at the building site, as well as installation of new windows for both the administrative and dormitory sections of the building. Framing for the dormitory and the classroom sites has been completed, and drywall is expected to be applied in early October 2019. The new Academy dormitory building will house up to 120 cadets at one time, and also provide new amenities such as an updated fitness room and on-site laundry. The Academy building will also be equipped with a security entry system, an automatic sprinkler system, and a new mechanical system.

Total construction is expected to be completed by April 2020, and total remodeling is expected to be completed by July 2020. [Senate File 2414](#) (FY 2019 Infrastructure Appropriations Act) appropriated \$1.4 million in FY 2019 and \$10.8 million in FY 2020 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to renovate ILEA facilities. Additionally, [SF 615](#) (FY 2020 Justice System Appropriations Act) made a

supplemental appropriation of \$286,000 to assist the Academy in covering relocation costs of the Academy staff formerly operating out of the flood-damaged administrative building, and to accommodate the National Guard as it allows the ILEA to utilize its buildings for training and teaching purposes. Currently, Academy classes are being held at the temporary ILEA Headquarters at 5000 Westown Parkway, with certain training requirements being completed at Camp Dodge.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on December 5, 2019, at 5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 300, Room 308, in West Des Moines. For additional information, see the ILEA website.

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